

Budget : During 1976-77 a sum of Rs. 2,47,000 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs. 2,79,000 on the non-plan side and on the plan side a sum of Rs. 1,49,000 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs. 5,00,000. For 1977-78 a provision of Rs. 4,19,000 was made on the non plan side and a sum of Rs. 5,00,000 on the plan side.

Building : The State Archives does not occupy a separate building of its own. Efforts are being made to procure a building for housing the Archives. This is under consideration of Government.

Record Management : Karnataka Government Secretariat time-barred "C" collection files relating to the period 1957—69 were examined and 14 per cent of which were found fit for retention. The records are appraised on the basis of guidelines laid down by the Director, Karnataka State Archives.

Research and Reference : About 14 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities while 500 queries from private agencies/individuals were attended to. 33,528 records were requisitioned by government agencies and 1,298 by research scholars.

Reference Media : Six lists of Acts, Rules, Codes, Reports etc. deposited in the Reference Library were listed.

Publication Programme : Under the project 'Karnataka Letters', Volume I, 'Archival History of Mysore' is under print. It comprises the correspondence of Dewan K. Sheshadri Iyer with contemporaneous Residents and Assistant Residents. The work on next volumes comprising letters and papers of Dewan Krishna Murthy, Dewan Madhavarao and Anandarao was carried out, and is expected to be sent to the press. There is also a proposal to publish a collection of letters entitled 'Fort St. George Letters' to the Court of Directors, London 1791-92.

Preservation of Records : The bindery unit has been established and the preservation material purchased.

Photo-Duplication : The Department has its own microfilming unit. But due to want of technical staff it was not possible to carry out any work during the period under review.

Library : During the period under review, 131 books were acquired.

KARNATAKA

1977-78

Administration : The Karnataka State Archives is working on an ad hoc basis in the absence of trained and permanent staff. Recently the Cadre and Recruitment Rules have been framed and the Karnataka State Public Service Commission has interviewed candidates for the posts. Until the sanctioned staff is recruited, temporary candidates and officials on deputation would continue to man the Archives. Despite the handicaps, considerable work has been done in the Historical Records Section. A large number of documents were classified and catalogued. A new micro-film unit has been installed and it is expected to start functioning shortly. There is also a proposal to translate documents in its custody in vernacular languages.

The Development of Archives in this State is included under the Plan scheme.

Budget : During 1977-78 a sum of Rs. 2,00,200 was spent out of the budget allocations of Rs. 4,19,000 on the non-plan side, and on the plan side a sum of Rs. 2,31,000 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs. 5,00,000. Due to some recruitment difficulties some of the posts could not be filled in. For 1978-79 a provision of Rs. 3,91,000 was made on non-plan side and a sum of Rs. 5,00,000 on the plan side.

Building : The proposal regarding construction of a separate building for archives is under consideration of the Government.

Record Management : Some records of Karnataka Government Secretariat were examined, of which 4% were marked for retention. The retention schedule prescribed in the Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure is being followed while reviewing the papers.

Research and Reference : 13 research scholars availed themselves of research facilities while 16,837* queries from private agencies/individuals were attended to and 34,165 records were requisitioned by Government agencies and research scholars.

Reference Media : The work of classification and cataloguing of erst-while Bombay Government Records was completed. During the period under report records of the Departments of Agriculture and Forest, Local-Self Government, Education, Political Services and Public Works Department were arranged and listed.

Publication Programme : Under the project known as "Karnataka Letters" which throw light on the Administrative History of Mysore from Rendition to Re-organisation (1881—1956), the first volume, covering the period of Dewan Sir Sheshadri Iyer and containing his correspondence with contemporaneous Residents and Assistant Residents was published. Volumes II, III, IV and V under the series pertaining to Sir P. N. Krishna Murthy, T. R. A. Thumboo Chetty, V. P. Madhava Rao and T. Ananda Rao respectively are under print.

Volumes I and II of the Catalogue of records of Karnataka State Archives covering printed proceedings of the Government of Mysore (1881—1947) are also under print. Besides, under yet another scheme to publish a collection of letters entitled 'Fort St. George Letters' to the Court of Directors, London, 1791-92, two volumes are also under print.

Preservation of Records : During the period under report 43 volumes were bound.

*16,837 queries include the number of printed proceedings of the Government of Mysore supplied to the public to search out the relevant Government orders to claim family pension sanctioned by the Karnataka Government.

Photo-Duplication : The department has its own micro-filming unit but due to want of technical staff work in this regard could not be started. The requisite staff is expected to be recruited shortly through the State Public Service Commission. The para print photo copying machine is however, kept running and is doing useful work in supplying photocopies of records against payment.

Library : 290 books were acquired and expansion programme of library will be taken up after full staff is appointed.

KERALA

1976-77

Administration : No change in the administrative set up took place during the period under review.

Budget : For 1976-77 a sum of Rs. 4,70,900 was spent against the budget provision of the equal amount on the non plan side and a sum of Rs. 48,524 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs. 1,02,000 on the plan-side. For 1977-78 there is a provision of Rs. 4,88,300 on the non-plan side and Rs. 1,00,000 on the plan side.

Building : The State Archives is now functioning in Government Buildings. There is a proposal for the construction of a modern Archives building in Trivandrum.

Record Management : In the Central Archives, Trivandrum 25,000 Huzur Office records of the former Travancore State (1060—1080 M.E.) were listed and 2,300 Mathilakem Churunas, 12,000 volumes of registers and 2,000 bundles of High Court Judgments were re-arranged. No retention schedule has been formulated.

Research and Reference : 24 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities. Seven records were requisitioned by the Government agencies and 122 queries by private agencies were attended to.

Reference Media : Descriptive list of the records of the Huzur Office of the Former Princely State of Travancore for the years 1060—1080 M.E. was prepared. 3,412 gazettes and 370 registers were re-arranged.

Publication Programme : Preparation of the Archives Manual is in progress.

Preservation of Records : During the period under review 2,603 sheets were repaired and 110 sheets guarded. 350 volumes, 300 government gazettes and 1,500 files were bound.

Photo-Duplication : The State Archives has no microfilming unit of its own.

Library : Nearly 246 books and publications were acquired.

Other Activities : In order to bring Archives nearer to public the Department participated in a number of exhibitions. (a) Record exhibition organised at Mattancherry in connection with the Konkini Bhasha Prachar Sabha. (b) Record exhibition organised at the Calicut University